GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ELECTORAL ROLLS – Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2022 as the qualifying date – Filling up of vacant posts and ban on transfers and postings of key Government officials connected with Revision of Electoral Rolls – Orders - Issued

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.B) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No.1714** **Dated: 18th October, 2021**
Read:-

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**O R D E R**:

The Election Commission of India has issued schedule for Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2022 as the qualifying date vide their letter read above and the draft publication of the electoral rolls will be made on 01.11.2021 and the final publication will be made on 05.01.2022.

2. Under the provision of Section 13 CC of Representation of People Act, 1950, any officer or staff employed in connection with preparation, revision and correction of electoral roll shall be deemed to be on deputation to ECI for the period for which they are so employed and such officer and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the ECI. Transfer of officials engaged in roll-revision work during the period of revision adversely affects the work and the quality of revision process. The Commission has directed in para 3.72 of the Manual on Electoral Rolls, 2016, that no officials connected with the exercise of revision of electoral rolls like the District Election Officers , Deputy District Election Officers, the Electoral Registration Officers and the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers etc. should be transferred from their places of posting without the prior concurrence of the Election Commission, from the commencement of the revision process till its completion. During the current round of revision of electoral rolls such ban on transfer and posting would be effective from the date of draft publication of electoral roll i.e., on 1st November, 2021 to the date of final publication of electoral roll in the State i.e., 5th January, 2022.

3. Accordingly, the Government hereby order that all officials connected with the preparation of electoral rolls of Assembly Constituencies i.e. all District Election Officers viz., all District Collectors, Deputy District Election Officers (Joint Collectors / District Revenue Officers), Electoral Registration Officers (all Sub-Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers/ Deputy Collectors / Joint Collectors / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners), Supervisors, VROs/VRAs, Panchayat Secretaries and other officials appointed as Booth Level Officers, should not be disturbed from their place of posting without prior concurrence of the Election Commission of India from 01.11.2021 to 05.01.2022.

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4. In case it becomes absolutely necessary to transfer any of the above key election officers, the State Government should send detailed proposal with full justification to the Election Commission and the Election Commission will consider such proposal on merit, on a case to case basis.. The transfer of AEROs and below level officers/officials including BLOs can be decided by the CEO at his level. This applies to filling up the vacant posts of these categories also . The CEO shall also invariably be consulted while posting substitute officer. The CEO should consult the Commission , where felt necessary. The Commission further directed that no officer/officials (i) against whom the Commission has recommended any disciplinary action and the same is pending, or (ii) to whom major penalty has been given as a result of said disciplinary proceeding , or (iii) against whom a serious criminal case is pending in any court of law, or (iv) who was transferred out during any previous revision of rolls or conduct of election for inefficiency or willfully violating the ECI directions shall be associated with work relating to revision of rolls. In case of doubt, the CEO should decide the matter, in consultation with the Commission wherever felt necessary by him.

5. The authorities noted in the address entry (General Administration, Revenue, Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj Departments) shall fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the officials who are acting as District Election Officers (Collectors), Deputy District Election Officers (Joint Collectors / District Revenue Officer), Electoral Registration Officers (Sub-Collectors / Revenue Divisional Officers / Deputy Collectors / Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners) immediately and furnish a certificate that all posts of officers related to the work of roll revision are filled up and that no such post is left vacant by 25.10.2021.

6. The Collectors & District Election Officers shall take further necessary action in the matter on top priority in consultation with the administrative departments concerned and ensure that all vacant posts of key election officers are filled up before the draft publication and report any unfilled vacancies by 25.10.2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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